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**Pipeline and
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Administration**

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 29, 2019

Caroline B. Henderson
Safety, Security, Health and Environmental Manager
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company
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Spring, Texas 77389

CPF 4-2013-5027

Dear Ms. Henderson:

On October 1, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued to ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) a Final Order in the above reference case. EMPCo challenged the Final Order through a Petition for Reconsideration and a filing to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. On August 14, 2017, the Court issued its findings.

The Fifth Circuit ruling of the Court vacated alleged violations 1-4 and 7, and remanded violation 8. The remaining violations 5, 6, and 9, with the associated Compliance Order Items remained. In November 2017, EMPCo met with representatives of the Southwest Region to discuss the actions taken to comply with the remaining Compliance Order Items. The discussion included actions taken by EMPCo to resolve the five remaining Compliance Order Items labeled as Items 3-7 in the original Final Order issued by PHMSA.

PHMSA has reviewed the submissions by EMPCo and confirmed the payment of penalties as required. This case is now closed.

PHMSA emphasizes the importance of EMPCo establishing and maintaining appropriate procedures for performing in-line assessments as well as procedures for processing and reacting to any condition identified during and following the assessment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary L. McDaniel, P.E.
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration